

# FISCAL NOTE

## SB 44

January 21, 2005

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Establishes the "Uniform Tennessee Clean-Air in Restaurants Act," which makes it unlawful for a restaurant to allow smoking in any area except for the area licensed to serve alcoholic beverages. Requires the placement of "No Smoking" signage throughout the establishment. Violation of this act is a Class B misdemeanor, punishable only by a fine.

### ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

**Increase State Revenues – Not Significant**

**Increase State Expenditures – Not Significant**

**Increase Local Govt. Revenues – Not Significant**

**Increase Local Govt. Expenditures – Not Significant**

#### Assumptions:

- Revenue from fines collected due to violations would not be significant.
- Restaurants would be responsible for posting signage, having no fiscal impact on government.
- Has no fiscal impact on the regulatory requirements of food service establishments through the Department of Health.
- Some increase in cases in the court system, which will result in additional state and local government expenditures for processing the cases and additional state and local government revenues from fees, taxes, and costs collected. However, such increases will not be significant.

### CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James W. White, Executive Director